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BY INTERNAL NAMIBIAN GROUPS

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1. CHONA FORMULA OF LIMITING STATEMENTS IN THE FORMAL
SECURITY COUNCIL SESSION TO EXPLANATION OF VOTE BY COUNCIL
MEMBERS MIGHT BE A WAY OUT OF THE DILEMMA POSED BY AFRICAN
OPPOSITION TO THE APPEARANCE OF NAMIBIAN GROUPS OTHER THAN
SWAPO, IF BOTHA OR FOURIE ARE NOT IN NEW YORK AT THE TIME.
STILL, THE SAG COULD VERY WELL WANT TO BE HEARD (WITH THE
TASK PERHAPS FALLING TO EKSTEEN OR SOMEONE ELSE). IN THAT CASE,
THE CHONA FORMULA COULD INTRODUCE A NEW SERIOUS PROBLEM
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WITH THE SOUTH AFRICANS. IN ANY EVENT, WOULD THAT FORMULA
BE ACCEPTABLE TO SWAPO?

2. WE WONDER WHETHER THERE MIGHT BE A WAY OF FINESSING
THE PROBLEM BY HAVING ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO SPEAK TO DO SO
WHEN THE SECURITY COUNCIL MEETS FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS, WITH
PARTICIPATION IN THE FORMAL SESSION THEN BEING LIMITED TO

MEMBERS ONLY. QUESTION OF SECURING OFFICIAL UN COGNIZANCE
OF STATEMENTS BY SAG AND NAMIBIAN SPEAKERS AND MAKING THEM
PART OF THE RECORD COULD PERHAPS BE HANDLED BY THE PRESIDENT
OF THE COUNCIL UNDERTAKING TO ACCEPT THE SPEAKERS' WRITTEN
STATEMENTS FOR CIRCULATION.

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